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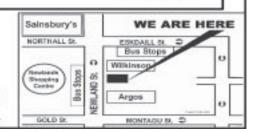
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## **GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR CHARITIES**



## THIRD OF SERVICES **NEED IMPROVEMENT**

#### INSPECTORS REPORT ON NHS NORTHANTS HEALTHCARE

By Nick Spoors

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NHS services for people with mental health problems require improvement, inspectors have found.

More than a third of the services from NHS Northamptonshire Healthcare - which runs Berrywood Hospital and St Mary's Hospital - were rated 'requires improvement' by CQC inspectors, including forensic and community children's services. The rest were mostly 'good' with a handful of 'outstanding'.

 $\underline{Although}\,both\,patient\,care$ and leadership scored 'good' - and the CQC found no patients were placed in danger - the overall score rating was 'requires improvement'.

The report says: "We found a great deal that the trust can be proud of.

"Caring was consistently of a good standard and we found staff to be dedicated and kind.

"Patients were treated with dignity and respect."

However, an example of things inspectors found wrong was a lack of clocks in rooms where patients are placed in isolation. The trust said it is difficult to put clocks where they cannot be damaged or taken apart by patients, but the CQC said they are important as isolation becomes disorientating without a sense of time. On the other hand, the Forest Centre for older inpatients was commended for state-of-the-art facilities, excellent use of therapeutic tools and the involvement of patients in their care.

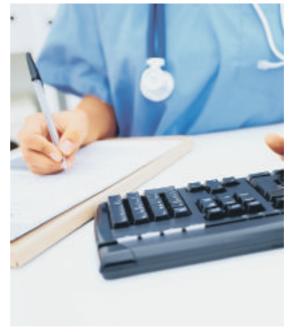
CQC's deputy chiefinspector of hospitals (and lead for mental health), Dr Paul Lelliott, said: "We rated a lot of its service, particularly the community health services, as 'requires improvement'.

"On the other hand we found that the wards at the Forest Centre for older people with mental health problems and the substance misuse service were 'outstanding'."

NHS bosses also pointed out that patient reviews on the 'I Want Great Care' website gave it a 4.8 out of 5 rating for good care.

Chief executive Angela Hillery said: "Our rating reflects the journey we and many other NHS trusts are on in delivering consistent quality care in the face of many complex challenges - this is the same rating achieved by two thirds of community and mental health trusts. However, it is important to note that no services were rated as inadequate in any area or domain and that is very positive.

Chief operating officer Richard McKendrick said: We're confident we're moving forward in the right direc-



Some services must improve

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As our readers know, the way people find news and information in this digital age is constantly changing and evolving and we have to adapt with the changing times.

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David Summers, editor of the Mercury's sister paper, the Chronicle & Echo, said: "It is important that we continue to recognise the heritage of the Mercury and we will be acknowledging that in future editions of the Chron. "We would like to thank all

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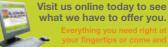


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Adrianne will paddleboard, run and cycle through many countries in her fundraising challenge

## Adrianne's 18,000-mile big charity challenge

BY NICK SPOORS

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A windsurfer from Northampton who was given six months to live is to travel 18,000 miles under her own steam in aid of two charities.

Adrianne Hill, aged 26, is aiming to raise a combined £100,000 for Cancer Research UK and Mind by completing the #OpenYourMind challenge

The Chron sports columnist will paddleboard, run and cycle the distance over the course of nine months, and, if completed, it would be a world

Adrianne, who is using her

life savings to go towards funding the trip, was compelled to choose Mind because she has recently beaten depression.

And she chose Cancer Research because she survived the disease despite being given six months to live aged nine

She said: "Surviving cancer has left me with scars and a weak right leg and after being diagnosed with and recovering from depression, I felt compelled to try to inspire people that have been on a similar, rocky journey.

"I want to prove just how powerful the body and mind is, how it can overcome the huge obstacles that life can bring, and to show that it is possible to turn around whatever situation you're in." Adrianne will start in March next year and hopes to finish by December 2016.

The challenge is being undertaken with no official support crew, and will take in 18 countries on four continents.

Vicky Urquhart, fundraising co-ordinator at Mind, said: "Adrianne is taking on an absolutely incredible challenge which has never been attempted before. We hope that Adrianne's inspirational story will motivate people across the UK, and further afield."

Initial fundraising for the project is being undertaken via a crowd funding campaign at: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/worldsupbikerun.com, while a gala dinner is being held in Northampton on November 21. To get involved visit



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## **Programme helping** families in difficulty

#### BY PAUL LYNCH

Reporter paul.lynch@jpress.co.uk

A programme helping to get children back into school, tackle anti-social behaviour and support employment in Northamptonshire is to be extended until 2020.

The government-funded "early help scheme" has been run by Northamptonshire County Council over the past three years, offering one-to-one support to more than 1,200 vulnerable families.

As the authority has reached its target for the number of families reached, it  $has been granted \,\pounds 1.2m \, for \, the$ work in Northamptonshire.

The council has announced it is now working on phase twoof the programme, which aims to reach 4,190 families by 2020 and which could attract funding of up to £7.2m.

County council cabinet

member for children's services, Councillor Heather Smith, said: "This project has resulted in some truly fantastic work with families in Northamptonshire who, for a variety  $of reasons, needed some \, extra$ help and support.

"These parents and young people welcomed the support and worked closely with their case workers to take this opportunity to turn their lives around.

"It is wonderful to hear young people involved in the programme are now doing better at school, not getting into trouble with the police and building better relationships with their parents and I look forward to extending this help to many more families across Northamptonshire with the

The council has released a case study of a person helped by the early help programme.

The woman, who it has called Rebecca, was referred for help with her 14-year-old son and received support under the "family intervention programme," run by Action for Children on behalf of the county council.

Rebecca, from Northampton, said: "He was causing a lot of problems.

"He had been permanently excluded from school and had just been arrested.

"I was at the point where I didn't know what else I could

"Since last July we have been working closely with Emma from the family intervention programme and he has really turned a corner.

"He had a lot of respect for her and his attitude is completely different now.

"She's also really helped me and together we've worked on some positive parenting.

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## **Posing for pictures**

A rare white wallaby has again been pictured hopping around a field near Salcey Forest, on the edge of Northampton.

Ron Newbould was among a group of walkers who spotted the wallaby on a footpath near a corn field on Saturday.

He said: "Looking round, my wife saw the wallaby about 15 metres from us calmly eating leaves from the hedge.

"As we watched it for the next five minutes or so it posed for lots of photos and video."

The white wallaby was first spotted in a field near Salcey Forest earlier this month.

It was spotted by Caroline Phillips, who was riding a horse in the area.

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The Eastgate pub will shut for refurbishments and reopen next year

## Refurb at sports bar

BY PAUL LYNCH

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**A prominent Northampton** town centre sports pub is to close its doors for a major refurbishment in September and emerge mid-2016 as a "premium" dining venue.

The Eastgate at the top end

of Abington Street used to be owned by pub giants Wetherspoons but was bought by Northampton firm McManus in 2014.

Company director Paul McManus has announced a major investment in the twostorey building, which currently runs a grill-type menu and screens a number of live sporting events. He said: "We are closing on September 5 and looking to start work at the end of 2015, to open in early to mid-2016.

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Rachel Lovesy and Jess Busuttil did an open water swim in aid of the hospital's Do It For Dementia fund

BY NICK SPOORS

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wo members of NGH staff took part in a chilly open water swim for the hospital's major new fundraising campaign. Rachel Lovesy, a patient engagement lead, and Jess Busuttil, from NGH's governance team, took part in the Cotswolds Open Water Swim on Sunday, August 16, where they swam 1.8km in deep water to raise money for Northampton General Hospital's Doit for Dementia fundraising campaign.

Doit for Dementia (DIFD) is to become the main fundraising campaign for the hospital once the target for the chemotherapy suite refurbishment has been reached.

The fund will see additional non-medical things bought for several areas of the NGH site, with the aim of making the area more homely and less stressful for patients who have dementia.

Rachel said: "As one of the founders of the DIFD this is a fund which is close to my heart as I have seen firsthand the struggle people with dementia face when they enter an acute hospital setting.

Through raising money we want to fund state-of-theart reminiscence equipment, create bespoke break-out areas and make environmental changes to specifically benefit people with dementia."

It is estimated that two in three medical beds in general hospitals are occupied by people over the age of 65, and around 30 per cent of those at any one time will have dementia.

For Jess, the swim was just one of a year's worth of physical challenges she's set herself with the support of many friends and colleagues, having pledged to undertake 12 challenges in 12 months.

To make a donation and to find out more about Jess and her year-long fundraising campaign visit her website: www.nothingbyhalves.co.uk

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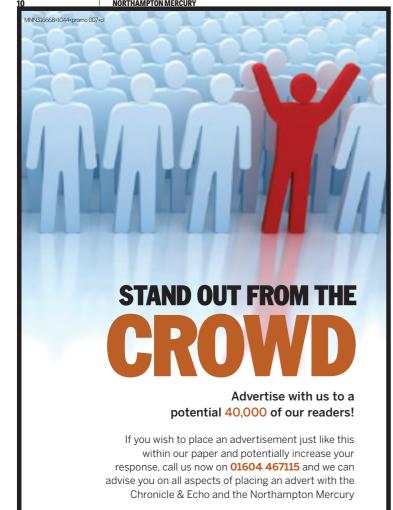
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## Mental health award

BY PAUL LYNCH

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Two Northamptonshire NHS adult mental health occupational therapy departments have received a centre of excellence award for engaging in a new practice.

The Welland Centre, located within St Mary's Hospital in

Kettering, and Berrywood Hospital in Northampton, won the accolade at a recent national conference for their use of the Vona Du Toit Model of Creative Ability.

Sarah Wilson, lead for inpatient acute mental health occupational therapy and physiotherapy, was delighted to win the award.

She said: "It is a fantastic achievement to receive this award and I am incredibly

proud of all those involved. This is testament to the hard work and dedication of the time all staff have given in implementing a new model of care for the benefit of our patients. Through this model of occupational therapy treatment we have been better able to identify individuals' existing ability and tailor specific programmes of treatment and interventions to support each individual."

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Among them is a new fivecylinder 2.0 litre diesel engine, dubbed D3 and fitted to the test car where it gave considerable performance in a suitably silky manner and returned a creditable 51mpg on the trip computer set into the deliciously readable instrument panel. The test car's confident progress was helped with an automatic transmission that was smooth as a politician's promise.

Every V40 Cross Country has a pedestrian airbag hid den under the bonnet (a world first) and the range is the safest car ever tested by the respected EuroNCAP organisation. Very Swedish, that.

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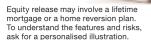
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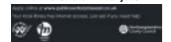
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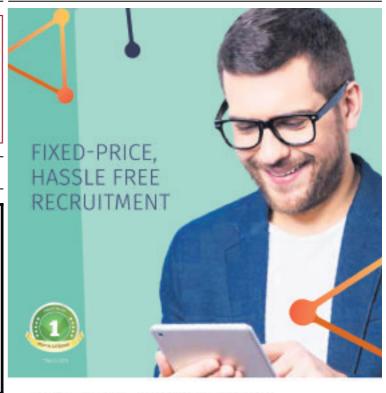
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## SPORT

## Newcastle too strong for Town

## Premier League side outclass Cobblers in Capital One Cup

#### **FOOTBALL**

Newcastle United showcased their Premier League quality to comfortably overcome a spirited Northampton Town outfit 4-1 in an enthralling and topsyturvy Capital One Cup second round tie at St James' Park on Tuesday night.

A breathtaking start saw three goals inside the opening nine minutes as Newcastle raced into a 2-o lead before Marc Richards pegged them back with a penalty.

The Cobblers had their moments, though Ryan Clarke in the away goal made a string of saves to keep the deficit at one and keep the away side's hopes alive going into half-time.

But there was to be no repeat of Northampton's memorable cup shock over Liverpool at Anfield five years ago as Newcastle scored twice more in the second half to book their place in the third round.

The Cobblers troubled the Magpies at times, but the home side's Premier League quality shone through with Florian Thauvin outstanding throughout as he set up three and scored another to spoil any chance of a cup shock.

Northampton manag er Chris Wilder brought Port Vale loanee Adam Yates straight in at right-back for his Cobblers debut while Clarke was named in goal with Rod McDonald and Jason Taylor also returning to the starting line-up. For Newcastle, former Cobblers favourite Ivan Toney was on the bench.

In a lightning start to the game, United came flying out of the traps and wasted no time in stamping their authority on proceedings.

They required less than three minutes to make their mark when Rolando Aarons' cross was turned home by Thauvin at the back post.

Things then turned from bad to worse for the visitors as the hosts made it 2-o inside just eight minutes through Siem De Jong.

Northampton refused to buckle and showed character to hit straight back and immediately half the deficit.

A free-kick played into the area was handled by Cheick Tiote, resulting in a penalty which was confidently dispatched by Richards.

The Cobblers were indebted to Clarke moments later, with the Cobblers keeper quick off his line to smother Perez's shot.

Northampton went straight back up the other end and were agonisingly close to pulling level when Richards headed Joel Byrom's cross inches wide.

Town were growing in confidence with Nicky Adams' long-range effort sailing over.

Northampton enjoyed lots of possession but the Premier League side continued to carve out chances.

Clarke was in defiant mood  $though \, as \, his \, third \, fine \, save \, of \,$ 

Northampton were under the cosh as half-time neared and they were again grateful to their goalkeeper when De Jong went through on goal after a superb first touch, only to be thwarted by Clarke.

The half-time whistle eventually sounded, much to the relief of the visitors.

The second half began as the first had ended with De Jong firing a low effort into the side-setting before Clarke came flying out to gather after Byrom had given the ball away.

Eventually the pressure told and Clarke could do little about United's third as the impressive Thauvin slipped through Janmaat, who finally beat the visiting keeper.

That signalled the end of Northampton's hopes and Newcastle didn't need much time to add a fourth when some slack defending allowed Mike Williamson a free header from Thauvin's free-kick.

Northampton never buckled and were almost rewarded with a second but Williamson's header landed on the roof of the net.

There was time left for Toney to be given a Newcastle debut against his former club, replacing Massadio Haidara on 78 minutes, and he made an instant impact, playing his part in a slick team move which almost culminated in a second goal for Janmaat.

The game then rather petered out as it stayed 4-1 to the Magpies.



## Ripley still hopeful on Afridi deal for T20 finals

**NORTHANTS** head coach David Ripley is hopeful Shahid Afridi will return to play for Northants Steelbacks in Saturday's NatWest T20 Blast Finals

The Pakistan T20 captain played for the Steelbacks in the opening six group games of the competition, and the man they call 'Boom Boom'

#### CRICKET

proved to be a big hit. After his stint with Northants. he played in the Caribbean **Premier League for St Kitts** and Nevis Patriots and then skippered his country in their 2-0 T20 series win over Sri Lanka earlier this

Now Ripley is keen to

get him back in England and wants him to line up in the semi-final against Birmingham Bears on Saturday morning.

Asked if a deal to bring Afridi back was still a possibility, Ripley said: "It is still in the pipeline, but there is nothing confirmed.

'We haven't given up hope, but we can't announce that he's coming as there are a couple of little hurdles. We still hope he will be there, which would be a big boost.

There's also the case whether or not we can afford him, well we have got some outside sponsorship that has taken care of that side of it for us.

"A good supporter of the club has offered to help us with that, so it's nothing to do with finance whether he comes or not, it's one or two other bits and bobs.'

Skipper Alex Wakely admits it would be a massive boost to the Steelbacks' chances of T20 glory if Afridi were to return. especially as it seems likely that star all-rounder Crook is going to struggle to be fit after he injured an ankle while fielding in the LV= Championship Division Two clash with Leicestershire on

"Losing Steven Crook would be a huge blow," admitted Wakely. "But if you get in Afridi, he would be a like for like. He is box office. he is a match-winner and he bringseverythingwithhim."



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